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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification. (Ref. 1)
- 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language reference is attached hereto. (Ref. 1)
- 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

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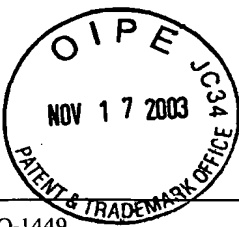
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	1	11/09/1999	Japan		

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EXAMINER INITIAL	2	Katsunori Kawano et al. "HOLOGRAPHIC RECORDING AND RETRIEVAL OF POLARIZED LIGHT BY USE OF POLYESTER CONTAINING CYANOAZOBENZENE UNITS IN THE SIDE CHAIN" 09/15/1999 pp. 1269-1271 of Vol. 24, No. 18 <u>Optics Letters</u>

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